the said statement there was no specific mention about pavment dwellers of Calcutta.

(c) 'Housing' and 'Urban Development' are State subjects and all programmes related to Housing and Urban Development projects are formulated and implemented by the State Governments/U.T. Administrations keeping in view their local needs and plan priorities. As such question of issue of any direction to the State Government does not arise.

Committee on Legislation for the Handicapped in Jobs

2167. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Committee appointed to go into the feasibility of a legislation for jobs for the handicapped has submitted its report to Government; and

(b) if so, what are the main recommendations of the Committee?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) and (b) The Committee on Legislation set up under the Chairmanship of Shri Baharul Islam, M.P. to work out in detail, the scope, objectives and general scheme of legislation for the handicapped covering various aspects of prevention, habilitation, rehabilitation, social security and welfare of the handicapped, specially with reference to their economic rehabilitation in the open and shelter employment submitted its Report to the Government on 28th June, 1988.

The main recommendations of the Committee in the sector of employment are as follows:—

1. Employment in Government,
2. Identification of jobs,
3. Reservation in promotion,
4. Relaxation in upper age limit,
5. Removal of inter-changeability clause,
6. Retirement benefits to handicapped,
7. Employment in private sector,
8. Special education/sheltered employment,
9. Self-employment, etc.

The Report of the Committee is presently under examination of the Government.

Death of Girl due to Toilet roof Falls in Delhi

2168. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Hindustan Times of the 29th March, 1988 under the caption "Girl killed as Public toilet roof falls".

(b) whether Government have received any report from the Slum Department of D.D.A./M.C.D. in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that the falling of lavatory is one of the reasons as the life span of this colony is about forty years and is likely to expire;

(d) if so, what were the reasons for giving the right of ownership to the occupants whose life is likely to over;

(e) whether the officers of the D.D.A. (Slum Wing) have given right to occupants for the rampert of illegal construction taking foot-path inside their houses building lavatories thereon; and

(f) if not, what checking they have made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A report about the roof falling has been obtained now from DDA.

(c) and (d) It is not correct that the life span of the colony is only 40 years. The buildings are permanent in nature and should last for many years more with proper maintenance. As the life of the buildings lasts for 80—100 years, to bestow ownership right to occupants was a conscious decision. The lavoratory block had fallen on account of wilful damaged by certain anti social elements.

(e) and (f) The Officers of the DDA (Slum Wing) have not given any right to the occupants of slum tenements to make illegal constructions on footpaths adjoining their tenements. The occupants make such illegal construction on their own. The staff of Slum Wing of DDA has been bringing to the notice of the Police such illegal constructions on open space adjoining tenements. Any attempt to remove such illegal constructions by DDA Staff is resisted by the public and their representatives.

Compensation for the land acquired for Central Government Colony in Bihar

2169. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any compensation has been given to the persons whose agricultural land was acquired at the time of constructing Central Government Colony in Bihar in 1973;

(b) if so, when and at what rate and the amount of compensation paid so far;

(c) if answer to the part (a) above be in the negative the reasons therefor; and

(d) the number of persons whose land was acquired and who have been provided employment and the number who have not been provided employment so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Thakkar Natrajan Commission

2170. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have sought the views of Press Council of India on the observations of Justices Thakkar Natrajan Commission;

(b) if so, on what issue the views of Press Council of India have been sought;

(c) whether the Thakkar Natrajan Commission have made any request to Government for lying down a code of Ethics for the Press;

(d) if so, whether the Press Council of India has given its views to Government; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) to (e) The Government had brought to the notice of the Press Council the observations of the Justices Thakkar-Natrajan Commission on the role of media. It was inter-alia stated by the Commission that the time is more than ripe for the media to evolve a code of conduct for itself, in consultation with its conscience, keeping in mind the larger